'Sparrow-UP' Portal for PCS Officers of the State

Why in News?

- Recently, the Uttar Pradesh government has created the 'Sparrow-UP' portal to provide online details of their movable and immovable assets to **PCS Officers** of the state. Log-in and password have also been given to all the officials.

Key Points

- The Annual Confidential Entry **(NCR)** of these officers will also be given online now. Earlier, the state government had directed ministers and IAS officers to furnish details of their assets.
- It is worth mentioning that it is mandatory for IAS officers to give details of their assets in advance. This arrangement is already in place under the Department of Personnel and Training, Government of India.
- IAS officers have to provide their property details online through the Sparrow software. On the lines of the system in force for IAS officers, the Uttar Pradesh Government has implemented this system for PCS officers also.
- Under this, all PCS officers of the state will have to give an account of their assets between January 1 and 21 every year. Failing to do so, departmental action will be taken.
- Each officer will also have to give his self-appraisal online for the previous financial year in April every year. The officers who do not give the details may have to bear the brunt of it. The annual entry of such people can be withheld. This may also affect increments and promotions.

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